



# The Left Bank Studio

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesdays all summer: Mardi Market and Open Studio

June 3: New watercolor classes begin

June 4: Art Walk at the Ames Main Street Cultural District

August 12-22: Jo's boutique returns to the Cultural Building at the Iowa State Fair

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Gardens... should be like lovely, well-shaped girls: all curves, secret corners, unexpected deviations, seductive surprises and then still more curves.  
~H.E. Bates, *A Love of Flowers*



The "Nudes" are coming soon! We hoped to have the new cookbook ready a little earlier, but we think it is worth the wait. This beautiful collaborative effort, [Nudes in the Garden](#), features delicious recipes and watercolors by Jo, poetry by Jennifer Lowery and Iowa poet laureate, Mary Swander, and the editorial eye of Devin Walker. And this time, a matching apron is also available.

## Mardi Market Gilbert's Outdoor Market Tuesdays, 4 -7 pm

Mardi Market is off and running! Wind nor rain has kept them away! Fun loving vendors of all ages sell baked goods, art of all kinds, sewing crafts, jewelry, rescued junk, and vintage finds. Locally grown produce will be ready soon. If you are interested in setting up a booth to sell your wares, contact Jo. The cost for vendors is \$5 per week.



## Open Studio at Jo's Tuesdays, 4-8 pm

Come on in and try your hand at watercolors or jewelry (precious metal clay). Jo and Rhonda will provide the tools, supplies, expertise, and a healthy dose of enthusiasm. Please **pre-register at least 24 hours in advance** so we can have the necessary materials ready for you! The cost is \$20 plus a supply fee.

### See what the neighbors are up to!

Check out [www.jbknacker.blogspot.com](http://www.jbknacker.blogspot.com) to see what's new at **JB Knacker**. The legendary Breakfast Club is coming up so be sure to get the details.

### Café Close-Up

Congrats to Phyllis B., winner of a plate of scotcharoos from Wanda (*Sweet Traditions*). Come in and sign up for a chance to win a sweet treat in June!

**Stop by The Write Brain Café for lunch!**



## Classes – Classes – Classes

### It's All About Chocolate! Watercolor Classes with Jo Starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9-11am



From dinner to dessert—now that we've painted veggies from Wheatsfield, we are on to the sweeter side of things. We will be visiting Chocolaterie Stam and learning to paint glass, candy, and other items for a decadent still life. It's going to be a delicious summer! Call now for information or to register: **515-233-1405**

**Did you know that Jo is now on Etsy?  
Etsy is a website where you can  
purchase handcrafted artwork. You  
can find Jo at:  
[www.etsy.com/shop/theleftbankstudio](http://www.etsy.com/shop/theleftbankstudio)**

**The Left Bank Studio  
& Write Brain Café  
Tuesday -- Friday 11am – 5pm &  
Saturday 10am – 3pm  
Lunch 11am – 2pm**

### Jewelry Classes with Rhonda

There will not be any PMC classes this month. Rhonda will be off to the Bead and Button Show in Milwaukee for classes and shopping! It promises to be lots of fun. She hopes to return with new tips and techniques to share.

#### PMC Open Studio

Tuesdays, 4-8pm  
June 1, 15, 29

*What would you make  
with a little lump of clay  
if you knew it would be  
fine silver when you  
were done?*

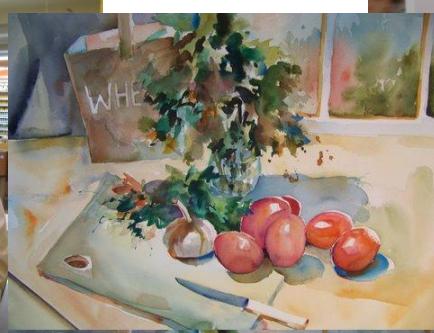


Want to create on your own, but don't have the tools and materials? Come to Open Studio. Rhonda will supply tools, finishing materials, and kiln firing. You supply the imagination! You are eligible to come to Open Studio if you have taken at least one PMC class and are able to work independently. **Sign up 24 hours in advance.** Cost: \$20 plus cost of PMC products. You may bring your own PMC. Open Studio is free for students completing a class project.

**To register for open studio or for more  
information, please contact Rhonda:**

- Call 231 – 1750 or
- E-mail [rhonda@silverleafshop.com](mailto:rhonda@silverleafshop.com)

## Artful Reception a Big Hit at Wheatsfield



The emerging artists showcased their still life watercolors of luscious fruits and vegetables on

May 21. A heartfelt thank you to Wheatfield's Cooperative and Jo's son, Devin, for helping set up the show.

## Jo and Rhonda “on the Road”

The van is packed; there's air in the tires, and the map's in hand. . . Where will Jo and Rhonda be this month?

- **Jo** will be in Edina, MN June 4-6 and Omaha NE June 26-27
- **Rhonda** will be at Art in the Square (Oskaloosa) June 12 & Snake Alley Art Fair (Burlington) June 20

## ArtWalk Downtown Ames, June 4, 5-8pm

Celebrate 100 years of Main Street by attending the 16<sup>th</sup> annual ArtWalk. Downtown businesses will host local artists and provide refreshments. The Left Bank Studio and Friends will be showing at the Ames Public Library. Stop by Kitchen, Bath & Home to see Rhonda demonstrate making glass beads with a torch. Jo will have a display there as well. For more information, see the Ames Main Street Cultural District website.

## Celebrating Lifelong Creativity

Jo was at the Ames Public Library May 22 for “Celebrating Lifelong Creativity.” She was demonstrating and showing the work of other artists—folks from Cedar Place in Story City, hospice patients, cancer survivors, and residents of Northcrest in Ames. Jo has been teaching individuals to paint who have had to compensate due to disability or illness. Jo even had to paint in her bed when she had surgery on her legs. She has truly enjoyed encouraging these folks to express themselves.

